

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

15. (New) A telescoping container with bookmark comprising:

a container forming an enclosure, said container having an outer sleeve and an inner sleeve wherein said inner sleeve slides within the outer sleeve to adjust a length of the container, said enclosure being adapted for holding writing instruments,

said outer sleeve having a wall with a groove, said inner sleeve having a wall with a raised protuberance wherein said protuberance slides within said groove to prevent overextending of the sliding inner sleeve when adjusting said length of the container,

said inner sleeve having a top end, said top end having an attached pivoting lid and a lid latch for securing the pivoting lid in a shut position,

an elastic band attached to the top end of the inner sleeve, said elastic band having a releasable anchor at a distal end for releasably anchoring said elastic band to said outer sleeve, said elastic band forming a loop adapted to secure the container with bookmark to a spine of a book,

a flexible bookmark attached to said top end of the inner sleeve adjacent said elastic band, the bookmark having a length adapted to be inserted between pages of a book,

said pivoting lid including a small opening, said elastic band and said bookmark passing through said opening to be attached within said inner sleeve.

16. (New) The telescoping container with bookmark of claim 15 wherein said raised protuberance is pressable to allow disconnection of said sleeves from one another.
17. (New) The telescoping container with bookmark of claim 16 wherein said sleeves are reconnectable to return said container to its original state.
18. (New) The telescoping container with bookmark of claim 15 wherein the length of the container is adapted to accommodate different size books.
19. (New) The telescoping container with bookmark of claim 15 wherein the inner sleeve has a hidden compartment that secures the elastic band and the bookmark.
20. (New) The telescoping container with bookmark of claim 15 wherein the releasable anchor hooks onto the outer sleeve.
21. (New) The telescoping container with bookmark of claim 15 wherein the inner sleeve and the outer sleeve have complementary semicircular cross-sections.
22. (New) The telescoping container with bookmark of claim 15 wherein the lid latch is integral with the lid.